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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

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1. EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSED ON GOZ THROUGH EVERY CHANNEL OPEN TO IT OUR CONCERN THAT THERE BE NO GOZ INITIATIVE WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER WELFARE OF HOSTAGES. IT WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2. IN ORDER TO DETECT ANY FAZ PREPARATIONS FOR MILITARY OPERATION IN EASTERN ZAIRE, EMBASSY HAS TAKEN EVERY STEP IT CAN THINK OF, BUT THIS DOES NOT ADD UP TO HUNDRED PER CENT GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL LEARN IN ADVANCE. IF MILITARY OPERATION WERE ORDERED THROUGH REGULAR FAZ CHANNELS, WE WOULD PROBABLY LEARN IT QUICKLY, EITHER FROM SOURCE AT FAZ HIGH COMMAND LEVEL OR FROM SOURCE HAVING ACCESS TO DAILY DEPLOYMENT PLANS FOR FAZA C-130S WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY BE NEEDED FOR FERRY PARATROOPS. HOWEVER,

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MOBUTU COULD ALWAYS DECIDE TO BYPASS REGULAR FAZ CHANNELS

AND GIVE DIRECT ORDERS TO LOCAL COMMANDERS IN EASTERN
ZAIRE TO LAUNCH SOME KIND OF OPERATION. IF SO, WE
MIGHT NOT GET WIND OF IT UNTIL WELL AFTER ORDER GIVEN.

3. IN LATTER CASE, HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE SIAD BEFORE, WE
DOUBT CAPABILITIES OF FORCES IN AREA TO
BE EFFECTIVE ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE FULL WELL THAT EVEN
INEFFECTIVE OPERATIONS COULD ENDANGER STUDENTS. WE
HAVE, HOWEVER, ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT AND TWICE
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER. WHILE DISSIMULATION CANNOT BE RULED
OUT, DOUBLE DEALING DOES SEEM UNLIKELY, AT LEAST FOR
TIME BEING.
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